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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Dear Jim:

Thank you for lending me Bill McCain's effusion. I wrote the Miss. Educ. Asso. for a copy of the magazine and have received same. Harvey Young read the piece, with much interest. *Jim moving below, your copy, never opened cover.*

I have seen enough of life to know that sometimes the wicked prosper, as the Good Book tells us. Bill got to be a general in the Miss. National Guard and perhaps the wearing of this title henceforth means much to him. He is beholden to the Governor and he is running a big show at Hattiesburg. But, in my opinion, this educational demagoguery is not only loathsome, but also dangerous to the one who engages in it. I hope that he lives to see the day when he will bitterly regret having written such a piece. We shall see.

Made a quick trip to Washington earlier this week on Civil War Centennial business; will go back for my army duty March 3-15, and in connection with the army tour, will make speaking trips to N. C. and Vermont. If I can hang on till June 30, I shall have completed my 20 years.

Allan Nevins had a heart attack in January. For some reason he does not want the word to get out. He seems to be recovering satisfactorily. Since he has never known what it is to relax, even for a few minutes, he is having a hard time making the adjustment.

We've heard from Joe recently. He had some back trouble shortly after Xmas, but seems okay now.

All the family join me in greeting and regards.

As ever,

Bell
Bell Wiley